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- 1. PARA 2 REFTEL QUOTES PROFESSOR SHLOMO AVINERI AS SAYING THAT THERE WERE FOUR ISSUES AT NAIROBI CONFERENCE THAT WERE OF INTEREST TO ISRAEL. REQUEST EMBASSY TO SEE AVINERI AGAIN AND FIND OUT WHAT FOUR ISSUES HE HAD IN MIND.
- 2. WE HAVE TAKEN VIEW THAT THERE WERE ONLY THREE ISSUES DIRECTLY AFFECTING ISRAEL, IN SENSE THEY CONTAINED EXPLICITLY ANTI-ISRAELI TEXT OR ACTION: A) THE 1974 CONFIDENTIAL

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EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE EUROPEAN REGION, B) CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL FOR ACTIVITIES IN JERUSALEM, C) CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL POLICIES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

3. WE WONDER IF AVINERI INCLUDED THE DRAFT DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE, WHICH WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN

NAIROBI BUT WAS POSTPONED FOR LATER ACTION. ALTHOUGH THIS DRAFT CONTAINED NO ANTI-ISRAELI LANGUAGE OR IMPORT, WE WORKED TO GET IT POSTPONED BECAUSE WE FEARED THAT ARABS WOULD INSERT REFERENCE TO UNGA RESOLUTION 3379 EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM.

4. IF ISRAELI REPS IN WASHINGTON HAVE USED FIGURE OF FOUR ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THEM IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH CONGRESSMEN, WE NEED TO KNOW HOW THEY CALCULATE THIS SO WE CAN BE PREPARED FOR QUESTIONS.

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